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LAYER

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Sir:

RULE 1.132 DECLARATION
OF ROBERT P. BOURDELAIS

1. I, Robert P. Bourdelais, am a resident of Rochester, Town of Pittsford, Monroe County in the State of New York. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1985 from Geneseo State and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1985 from University of Buffalo. I have been employed by the Eastman Kodak Company since 1985 and engaged since that time in the research and development of polymer thin films, composite imaging supports, polymer materials and digital printing systems. I am a named inventor or co-inventor on over 100 issued United States Patents related to my research and development activities. For these reasons I consider myself an expert in the field of polymer thin films, composite imaging supports, polymer materials.
2. I am the first named co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,022,677.
3. I have read and understood U.S. Serial No. 10/170,117.
4. I expect that, if I were to add a compatibilizer to the bottommost skin layer of a biaxially oriented sheet, which compatibilizer would ensure compatibility between the incompatible block copolymers resulting in

reduce delamination tendency and improved layer morphology, to my invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,022,677, the roughness would be reduced.

5. I expect that the addition of a compatibilizer to the bottommost skin layer of a biaxially oriented sheet, which compatibilizer would ensure compatibility between the incompatible block copolymers resulting in reduce delamination tendency and improved layer morphology, to my invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,022,677 would render it inoperable or would change the principle of operation.
6. I declare further that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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